First-Class Objects

James Grimmelmann
Privacy and Innovation
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Privacy and innovation thought pieces by Helen Nissenbaum, Frank Pasquale, @grimmelm, and others up on Yale ISP. http://bit.ly/aUtk0v

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VS.

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@rcalo The other papers are good, though.

11:34 AM Oct 27th via Tweetie for Mac in reply to rcalo

@rcalo Oh, no! Mine is so half-baked! Hey everybody, please don't read this yet.

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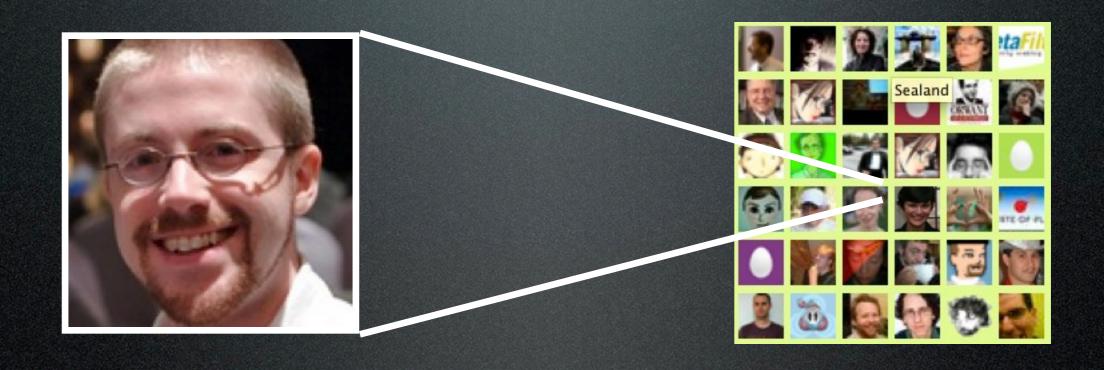
"[In 1985] I began telling my ... students that they had better be watching the Internet" http://is.gd/glqKW

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"James Grimmelmann"

VS.

Unique identifiers



Consequences

Third parties



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Normalization

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Aggregation

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uid=381920041
zip=98225
num_pets=2
bool_dogs=1
bool_cats=0
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uid=381920041 education=college bool_employed=1 uid=381920041
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num_pets=2
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Enumeration

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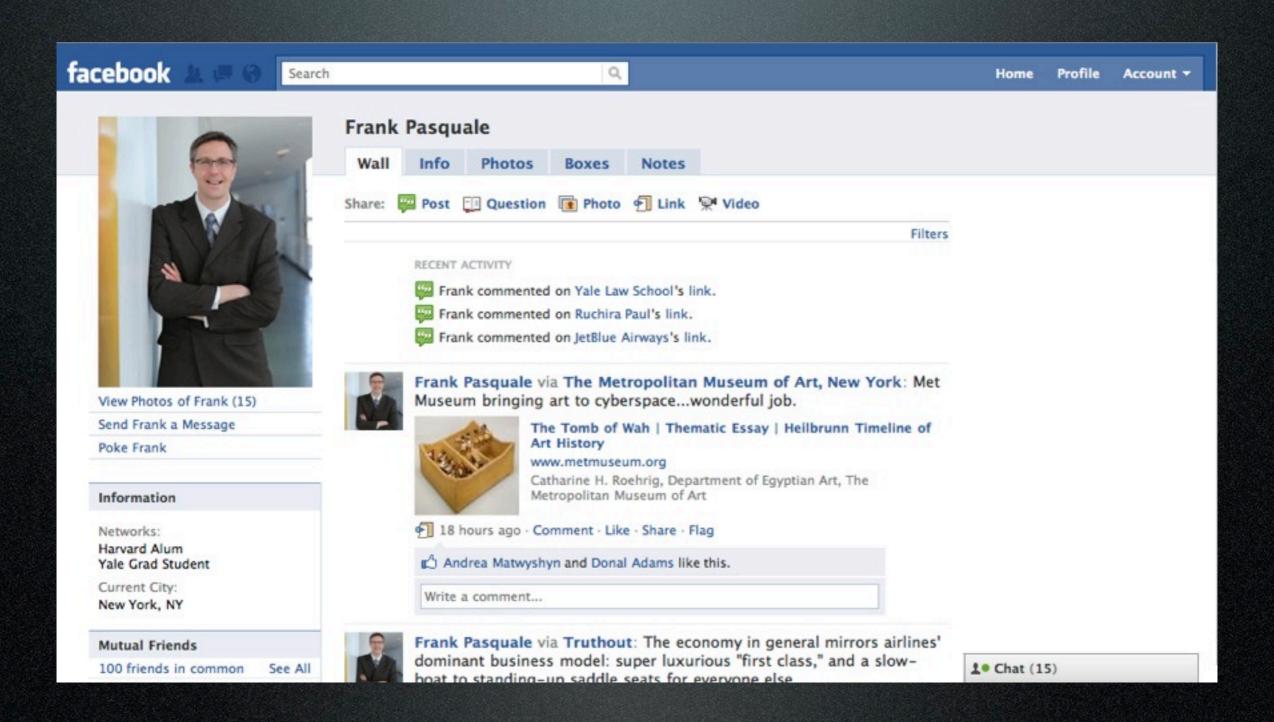
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Empowerment



Self-presentation



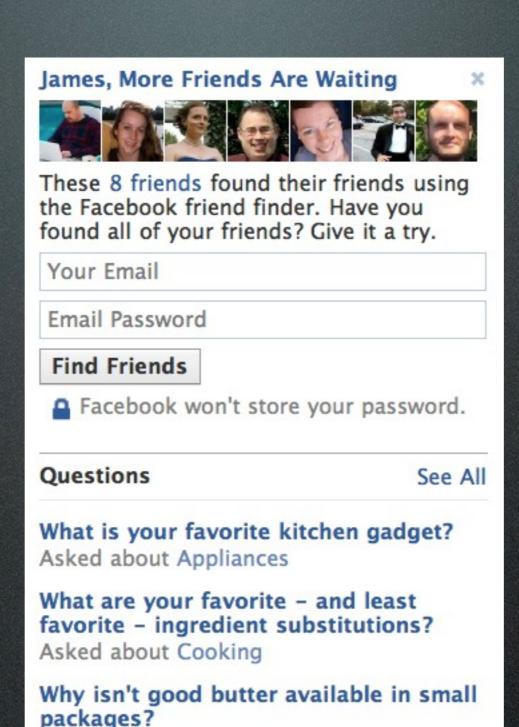
Errors

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DATABASE ERROR -23

Automatic reasoning

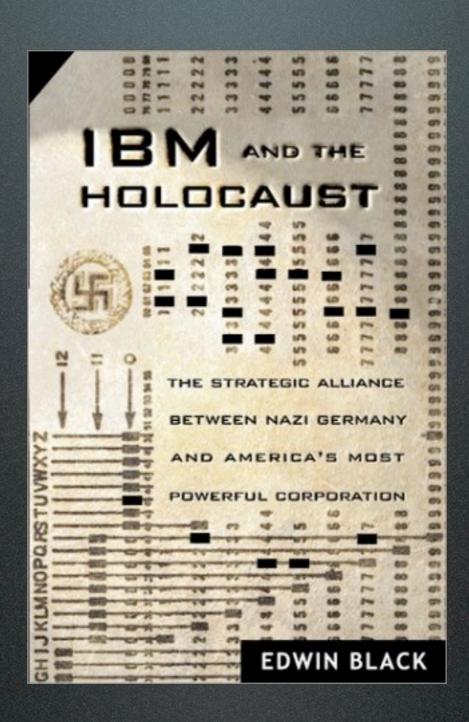


Asked about Grocery Shopping

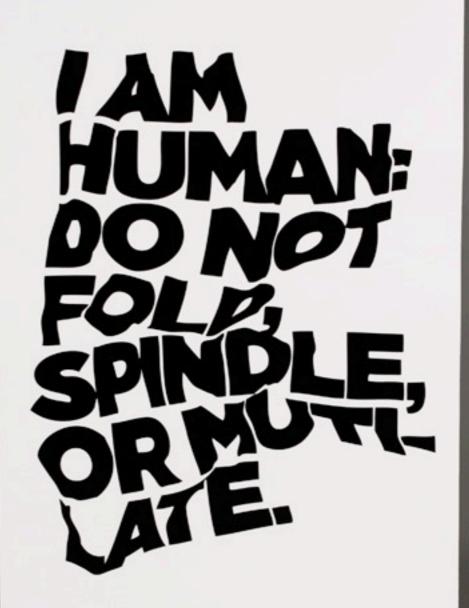
Visibility



Control



Objectification



SLOGAN OF THE FREE SPEECH MOVEMENT

Legally significant line?

- More power
- More knowledge
- Greater risks of misuse
- More ability to fix problems
- Deliberate choice

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Objects